

REMARKS

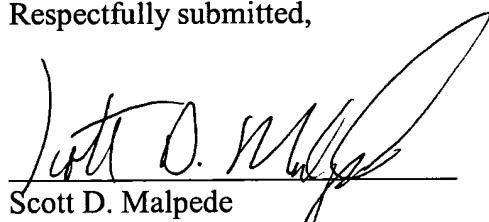
Claims 1-12 are presented for consideration, with claim 1 being independent.

The specification and abstract have been reviewed and amended to correct minor informalities and improve their idiomatic English form. In addition, editorial changes have been made to selected claims. In amending the claims, the Examiner's comments on page 2 of the Office Action mailed February 22, 2005, were taken into consideration.

Due consideration and prompt passage to issue are respectfully requested.

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